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In Claim 12, column 12, line 31, please insert "each" before --said apex--.

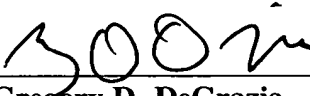
In Claim 13, column 12, line 34, please insert "each" before --said apex--.

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It is certified that errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 12, line 31, please insert "each" before --said apex--.

Column 12, line 34, please insert "each" before --said apex--.

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